

Mad River Watch Site Profile

SHEPARD BROOK

Site Coordinates: 44.228990, -72.784220

Site Location Description: On Route 100, north of N. Fayston Road, across from the Turner Farm.

Parking and Access: Park either: dirt pullout on east side of Route 100, north of Turner Farm, OR in the pullout on the right on N. Fayston Road. Both will require a short walk on Route 100 to the bridge over Shepard Brook. We will look into getting permission to park in the private driveway right next to the sampling site.

Sampling Location: On the northeast side of the bridge, walk across a private driveway and through a small, grassy area to the edge of the brook. Climb down a short embankment with some taller vegetation and uneven rocks to get to the sample site.

Ease of Access: Moderate access - relatively easy walking but Route 100 can be very busy.

Analytes: Temperature, Conductivity, pH

Riparian Buffer Description: Around the bridge, the buffer is relatively open with grass growing amongst the rocks - some woody vegetation. Upstream, there are more trees lining the brook. Downstream, there are trees, but also farm fields - hay and corn.

Naturalist Notes (Ecology, History, Wildlife, Plant Species, etc.): No Japanese knotweed visible at this site. There is Cow parsnip growing on the banks. An Eastern phoebe was perched on a branch.

Other Comments: Please be very careful when accessing this site. Walk well off the side of the road on Route 100, and be mindful of traffic.



 Field Site

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